### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 26, 2021** 

## The liturgical color is green symbolizing the time when we remember discipleship.

We lift up prayers for the community, our church family, staff, ministers, and for the work of Christ in the world.

"Love, Divine, All Love Excelling" Prelude

arr. Hans Klotz

(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God. Let the worshipers remain silent and contemplative.)

Welcome

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle 8:30

Rev. Jennifer Hupko 11:00

**Stewardship Moment** 

Big Tom Brittain

Call to Worship

"I Am the Church"

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

\* The Chiming of the Hour (congregation stands)

\* Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

**UMH** #61

\* Affirmation of Faith

Chad Mullinix | UMH #881

\* The Gloria Patri

**UMH #70** 

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Mr. Mullinix

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Rev. Jennifer Hupko 8:30 Yvonne Brittain 11:00

11:00 | Children 3 years old to 1st grade are invited to attend Little Church. Please pick them up following the service in room 201, Wesley Bldg.

# Celebrating Grace by Returning God's Tithes and Giving Our Offerings

(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time)

Offertory

"What Gift Can We Bring"

arr. D.S. Ferguson

\* The Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**UMH #95** 

\* Offertory Prayer

\* Hymn of Preparation

"Abide With Me"

Mr. Mullinix **UMH #700** 

\* Sermon Text

Esther 4:13-17

Brenda Bellamy 8:30 Shelby Sansbury 11:00

**Anthem** 

"Lord, Here Am I"

arr. Beck

Sermon

"For Such a Time as This"

Rev. Howle 8:30

Rev. Hupko 11:00

\* Closing Hymn

"The Summons"

TFWS #2130

\* Benediction

**Postlude** 

Rev. Howle Rev. Hupko

Anonymous E.P. Biggs, ed.

(\*) Please stand as you are able.

"Cornet Solo"

<u>The Steeple Highlights</u> (The full newsletter may be found on the church website.)

Acolyte Training TODAY at 9:45AM in the Sanctuary for children, Grades 2-5.

**Nursery** is available every Sunday in the Wesley Building from 8:30AM-Noon for children, ages infant to pre-school.

Prayer Vigil—for Stewardship and Celebration Sunday. See The Steeple for more info.

Advent Study—"The Heart that Grew Three Sizes"—beginning Nov. 28th; \$13/book. To register, please contact Jennifer Hupko, Hupko@fumcmb.org. More info in *The Steeple*.

Congregational Care meets Tuesday, Sept. 28th, in the Parlor.

Thrift Store Clearance Sale—Thursday, Sept. 30th, from 1PM-4PM. \$5/bag—clothing.

United Methodist Women "Butter Braid" fundraiser to benefit FUMAcademy—till Oct. 15th. Contact any UMW member or order online with the link, www.tinyurl.com/UMW21.

**Tennessee Collier Circle Meal fundraiser** to benefit **FUMAcademy** <u>till Oct. 3rd</u>—meal of Taco Soup, Corn Muffins, Cookies. Order forms may be found at all church entrances. Details in *The Steeple*.

The **Flag Box** outside the Sacristy door (breezeway) is **for worn flags** to be placed for proper disposal through an Eagle Scout service project sponsored by **Campbell Smith Pruett**.

Church Library has a variety of books that enlighten, entertain, and inspire. Stop by!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—USHERS WANTED**—ALL Adults and Youth (Jr./Sr. Hi). Training session Sunday, Nov. 7th, 5:45PM. Contact Rhonda Singleton, rsingle@sccoast.net.

**VENMO** is an electronic giving option available for use with a cell phone. Open the camera icon on your cell phone and hold it over the QR code (to the right). Tap on the link at the top of the screen to open the VENMO app then follow instructions to give electronically. Another option is to download the **VENMO app** on a cellular device and search **@firstchurchmb** to proceed with giving options.



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The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Big Tom. Today, we celebrate Big Tom's 94th birthday. He has been associated with FUMC for 43 years, including his four years as a District Superintendent and six years as Vice President of Epworth Children's Home.

"I appreciate the love and prayers of each member. May God Bless each of you." ~ Big Tom

Flowers are needed for the following dates: Nov 21, Dec 5, 12, 19, 26. To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 or jennifer@fumcmb.org.

We welcome our guests today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

Traditional Worship may be viewed Live on Facebook at 8:30AM, Contemporary Worship at 11AM, on the website (fumcmb.org), on mobile app, or on FOX TV (ch 7) Sundays at 10AM (one week delay).

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE** on the Pew Pads. Please use personal discretion for Masks and Distancing in all church buildings and be respectful of others. Masks recommended.

# **Assisting in Worship**

#### **GREETERS**

**8:30 Front** Linda Lox

11:00 Front Sherrill & Charlie Allen

8:30 Broadway Ann & Ron Andrews

11:00 Broadway Naomi & Harris D'Antignac

8:30 Office Martha & Joe Castellano 11:00 Office Ann Anderson

### **USHERS**

**8:30 Toby Ward, Harold Branton:** Ann Andrews, Ron Andrews, Jerry Champion, Kevin Cribb, Greg Clemmons, Claylene Gore, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Sylvia Harmon, Dennis Neptune, Arne Pedersen, Gene Singleton, Judy Winn, Tom Winn.

11:00 Neal Bowers: Jackson Bowers, Preston Bowers

